

AGENDA
Lodi Committee on Homelessness
December 5, 2019 – 2:30 p.m.
LPD Rick Cromwell Room

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Introductions
- III. Accept minutes of October 3, 2019
- IV. Project Reports
 - a. HEAP
 - b. Homelessness Liaison Officer
 - c. San Joaquin CoC
 - d. Tracy Community Homeless Task Force
 - e. Emergency shelters
 - f. Salvation Army/Grace & Mercy
 - g. Feed 500
- V. Other
- VI. Adjourn – next meeting January 2 or 9, 2020

Lodi Committee on Homelessness

October 3rd, 2019

Minutes:

Attendees: 33 (includes residents, committee members, 2 city council members, and 3 city staff/contract staff)

Project Reports:

a. HEAP Update:

- City Manager:
 - No significant changes.
 - Working on environmental review (NEPA/CEQA).

b. Community Liaison Officer Report:

- Officer Dan Schiele—
 - September was a successful month in terms of reaching out to the homeless community and preventing crimes.
 - About 30 arrests were made.
 - Many businesses losing shopping carts; shopping carts may not be returned to businesses due to condition/cleanliness.
 - Officer Schiele is getting to know homeless individuals better as well as community members.
 - Thank you to community members who contact him.
 - Officer Schiele needs people to volunteer to show up right away and help him; those interested can call his work cell which is on the City website (<http://www.lodi.gov/940/Homelessness>)
 - Two attendees commented to say Officer Schiele is doing an excellent job.
 - The history of this position came about through LCOH, City Manager, Police Department, and City Council. City did not have any extra money for this position, so Police Department looked at shifting funds and were able to support this.

c. San Joaquin CoC:

- Regional Strategic Plan on homelessness should be starting soon; their name is Home Base – they were instrumental with Modesto too, will be hired to lead this plan. Home Base will conduct outreach. Retreat may be in the works.
- John Ledbetter (LCOH President) told them to reach out to LCOH, City Manager/staff, and not just nonprofits. The plan should be ready around January 2020.
- Thursday, October 24—COC will meet at Hutchinson Street Square, 9 a.m. LCOH members and attending members encouraged to attend.
- Patrice Clemons will update on Strategic Plan.
- New funds coming into region, because Stockton is larger city.
- The plan is a regional effort and not just local which will help prioritize funds.
- www.sanjoaquinco.org— COC website will have more information.

d. Committee Updates:

- Information posted on website including paper on shelters that succeed.

www.lodi.gov/940/Homelessness

- Meeting agenda and minutes will be posted there.

e. Grace and Mercy:

- Golf Tournament is postponed until April 4th due to internal set backs.
- Those interested in sponsoring or supporting, reach out to Grace and Mercy.
 - (Background: This program is a day café for homeless people; it also outsources food, supplies, and materials to over 50 other ministries.)
- Volunteers are always needed; especially needing bookkeeper, treasurer or secretary.
- Cheryl was not available to report; volunteer provided update.

f. General Discussion on Adding Emergency Shelters:

- New CA legislation AB 761 allows for military to allow vacant armories to be used as emergency shelters (not low barrier, it means winter-time, or temporary shelter) for persons experiencing homelessness.
- City Manager and Salvation Army will begin discussion of financing and will continue to look at it as an option.
- Governor is considering armories to be used for more permanent homeless shelters.
- John Ledbetter recommends we consider deciding how we are going to provide additional shelter for homeless.
- Believes that a shelter does not create homelessness; for example, Salvation Army provides a shelter.
- CoC would like to provide more low-barrier shelters.
- John Ledbetter passed out information regarding if a low-barrier shelter is added, then what policies/practices so that the shelters are uniform, and people are not going to one versus another because of differences.
- Uplift All, a nonprofit, provided following comments:
 - Looking to have private source of funds instead of public funds to run their nonprofit.
 - Mission: Help people with positive and compassionate relocation service to friendly community locations (campgrounds, etc.).
 - They plan to operate a no barrier to low barrier shelter.
 - They want to work with police and City to help/partner.
 - Attendee stated: "We want to help people who are looking to transform their lives."
 - Enrichment—they will have resources on-site regarding animal care, mental health, showers, and more.
 - Security on-site; women/children separate from men, 24 hour (night/day)
 - Will operate for a few years.
 - They would like to do permanent housing and transitional housing.
 - **Comment:** They are open to public funds assisting them. They will get started with private funds, and then will need support afterwards to keep it going.
 - Goal is to house all the unsheltered homeless that were counted in the previous Point-In-Time Count.

- **Comment:** Salvation Army may expand services over next 5-10 years, and they would like to partner with other nonprofits to help them. Salvation Army wants to work with Uplift All to see how they can complement each other.
 - Barracks are difficult for those with mental health issues.
 - Homeless people need to get right off the street, so they can get well first, mentally, and then can work on getting help.
 - They will have a hotline for people needing emergency shelter.
 - When they help people, they will clean up encampments and City property. They will look into partnering with Take Back Lodi.
 - **Comment:** What can we do to get that armory available? Answer: Having enough money to lease, to have operations/management, make modifications. It might be available permanently.
 - Nothing to be embarrassed about these locations; not eyesores; they are communities that are nice, which is healing to the residents.
 - **Comment:** LCOH consensus is that we need shelters like this Uplift All. The LCOH will work to support Uplift All.
- a. **Where should a shelter be located?**
- Modesto built tent city under 9th Street, which will now be closed, and is opening refurbished hotel rooms that will be permanent housing.
- b. **Inspiration Community Foundation:**
- New nonprofit 501(c)(3) that will provide senior and transitional housing; working on getting license.
 - Shared living in nice safe neighborhood, and near public transit.
 - House rules—Structured; clean and sober; no weapons; residents pay rent but some have vouchers from other resources.
 - Would like social services to provide support to help them transition to permanent living.
 - Housing for seniors too who are on limited income.
- c. **Council Member Keene:**
- Working with SACOG.
- d. **General Questions/Comments:**
- State properties—as we get those found, Don Massengill would like to inspect the property to see if it would be an appropriate fit for housing initiatives.
 - Free family event on Saturday, Nov. 2nd @ 8am—to help families that have served in military/government; all invited; form relationships with folks, vendors; needs more sponsorship.
 - Community can meet with Police Officer Dan Schiele 9–10:30 a.m. at Tilly's, first Monday of the month.
 - County District Attorney Sean Doering
 - Wants to help with quality of life crimes.
 - Works on truancy with schools for prevention.
 - Working with Lodi PD on top offenders.
 - Email: Sean.Doering@sjcda.org

e. Other/ Final Comments:

- Community Philanthropy Summit is at next meeting time.
- Please go to October 24th meeting.
- Next November meeting is canceled--- October 24th takes its place.
- John L. said he will continue to forward events regarding shelter at armory.
- Next meeting will be the first Thursday of December.